

ITALY HAS URGED TO MODIFY AIMS

Abrogation of Secret Treaty of 1915 Is Strongly Recommended

PEACE PARLEY PLANS

Three Sets of Conferences Will Precede Draft of Treaty Germany Must Sign

By CHARLES A. SELDEN Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Paris, Dec. 21.—In all the exchanges of oratorical courtesies incidental to the visit of the King of Italy in the last two days, his French hosts have made a point of using the word "spontaneously" in describing how Italy came into the war in 1915.

That is the public end of it, but in private France makes no bones of declaring that Italy was persuaded to come into the war only by secret promises of territorial concessions, which the Allies are now reluctant to keep, because to do so means trouble with the Jugo-Slavs. In fact, they accuse Italy of having charged too great a price for coming into the war, and say that the promises were made under duress.

For weeks France has been trying to induce Premier Sonnino and Foreign Minister Orlando, of Italy, to concede something of what was promised them on the east coast of the Adriatic by the secret treaty of 1915, but so far the Italian statesmen have refused to yield an inch, and the latest public utterance of Orlando was to the effect that Italy could not demobilize because of the likelihood of greatly increased difficulties in the future. It is taken for granted that he referred to the troubles with the Jugo-Slavs.

Little Enthusiasm Over Italy

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Clemenceau to Take a Rest

In the first place it is certain that Premier Clemenceau is going to take an eight-day rest in the south of France, and that he will not be back before January 1. Then there will be three main sets of preliminary conferences.

Lodge Sees Pitfalls in Wilson's Plan

Continued from Page One Such propositions, he said, were the five points enumerated. See Freedom Can Wait In his discussion of the freedom of the seas the Senator called attention to the "strange development" in connection with the pending party appropriation bill, the advocacy by Rear Admiral Badger of a program calling for a navy as large as that of England by 1925. He said he thought he had favored building more ships than any body else, but that he never had contemplated such a program and did not think it necessary.

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By GERTRUDE ATHERTON Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

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In 1914 the Czar of all the Russias traveled down to Vienna in gilded traveling coaches and imperial barges, to be the guest of His August Majesty, the Kaiser of Austria, during the great peace congress which should arrange the destinies of Europe. Today there is no Czar, no Kaiser.

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PRESIDENT WILL BE KING'S GUEST

Wilson Will Occupy Royal Suite at Buckingham Palace on Visit

DETAILS ARE ARRANGED

London Plans Gala Welcome to American Executive Next Thursday

By the Associated Press London, Dec. 21.—King George has received President and Mrs. Wilson on acceptance of his invitation to be his guests at Buckingham Palace during their stay in London. They will be quartered in the royal suite customarily used by visiting monarchs and will be entertained after a manner similar to that usual in the case of royal visitors.

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